

I oppose the proposed legislation for two reasons: first, I believe that existing law already gives law enforcement the power to surveil suspected criminals via wiretap warrants, without mandating how free citizens must implement their internet services. (i.e. the proposed legislation is not necessary.)

Second, I believe that the proposed legislation will ultimately benefit criminals to a greater extent than it will protect innocent citizens. That is, if you make a master key, it's only a matter of time before it falls into the wrong hands. This is the principle behind the failure of DVD copy protection. Determined criminals (and terrorists) will still be able to communicate in secret by means of encryption, and they will more easily be able to breach the security of our public networks on a large scale. Essentially, our country's networks will be less secure than those of other countries, because we will have intentionally crippled our own security.